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SUBJECT: EPMG INSPECTION OF OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL
PROPERTY

REF: ASMARA 350

1. CHARGE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PROTEST AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE
LEVEL OF EPMG AGAINST INSISTENCE BY ASMARA AUTHORITIES
TO INSPECT OUTGOING PERSONAL EFFECTS OF USG PERSONNEL.
REFERRING TO MIN FONOFF ASSURANCE THAT EPMG WILL FACILITATE
SMOOTH DEPARTURE FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL, YOU SHOULD INSIST
THAT EPMG INSTRUCT AUTHORITIES IN ASMARA TO PERMIT EFFECTS
TO BE EXPORTED WITHOUT INSPECTION OR ANY OTHER HINDRANCE.
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CONGEN ASMARA SHOULD TAKE SIMILAR LINE WITH ASMARA
AUTHORITIES. FYI: CLEARLY, IF ASMARA AUTHORITIES FAIL TO
COMPLY, WE WILL HAVE TO PERMIT INSPECTION, BUT THIS SHOULD
BE DELAYED UNTIL LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT. END FYI.
FOLLOWING IS LEGAL POSITION.

2. LEGAL SITUATION IS DIFFERENT AS TO INSPECTION BY

EPMG OF OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REMOVED FROM KAGNEW AND THAT FROM USIS, MAAG AND CONSULATE ASMARA. ESSENTIALLY DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AGREEMENT MAY 22, 1953, PROVIDES FOR UNRESTRICTED REMOVAL OF OFFICIAL PROPERTY AND

PERSONAL EFFECTS. USIS, MAAG AND CONSULAR OFFICIAL PROPERTY ENTITLED TO EXIT WITHOUT INSPECTION IF SO IDENTIFIED THROUGH INCLUSION IN DIPLOMATIC POUCH, WHEREAS PERSONAL BAGGAGE GENERALLY EXEMPT FROM INSPECTION BUT NOT IF REASON TO BELIEVE IT CONTAINS CONTRABAND OR OTHER ARTICLES EXPORT OF WHICH IS ILLEGAL.

3. INSPECTION OF OFFICIAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF U.S. FORCES KAGNEW NOT AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLES 4, 7 AND 18 OF DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR UNRESTRICTED EXIT OF U.S. PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL. MAAG AND ITS PERSONNEL PART OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AND USIS AND ITS PERSONNEL ARE ALSO PART OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION. OFFICIAL PROPERTY OF MAAG AND USIS UNDER CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW (VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARTICLE 22) MAY BE SENT OUT FREELY WHEN INCORPORATED IN DIPLOMATIC POUCHES. PERSONAL BAGGAGE OF PERSONNEL OF MAAG AND USIS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION ONLY IF EPMG HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IT INCLUDES ITEMS NOT ENTITLED TO FREE ENTRY INITIALLY OR EXPORT OF WHICH ILLEGAL UNDER ETHIOPIAN LAW (VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARTICLE 36).

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4. CONSULATE ASMARA OFFICIAL PROPERTY IN SAME CATEGORY AS MAAG AND USIS UNDER ARTICLES 31, 33, 35 VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS (THAT IS, FREE EXIT THROUGH CONSULAR POUCH) AND PERSONAL BAGGAGE SUBJECT TO SAME LIMITED INSPECTION AS THAT OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL (VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS ARTICLE 50).
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